

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the adoption of the amendment to the amendment.

SENATOR CROSBY: The amendment is adopted. Before continuing on the amendment, I'd like to call the Senators' attention to the north balcony where we have had as our guests some women from the senior...the Corrigan Senior Center in Omaha and under the south balcony, who has joined Ruth Blankenship, is Kathleen Cavanaugh, who is the mother to former Unicameral Legislator John Cavanaugh, and he was also a former Congressman, so if you'd all like to stand we'd like to welcome you. Thank you. Senator Kristensen, we're back to your amendment 1609. Any further discussion on the Kristensen amendment? Senator Hall, your light's on.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Madam President and members. Senator Kristensen, the other issue and if we could discuss the concern that I raised last time we were at this ba... on this bill and I apologize, it was a rare moment where I was a tad bit testy on the floor, which is unusual...

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I...I...I... that is unusual. I know that's hard to believe.

SENATOR HALL: ..but we were discussing the issue of how the mechanism for purposes of removal of the not only the assessor but the deputy assessor would work, and you had said that you would go do some research on the issue of how the deputy assessor would play into this mix, and I know the way it was drafted it...I believe the amendment dealt with someone acting as the assessor performing the duties of. Can you clarify for me how this would... would function in the proposal as it's before us?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I'll sure try and then maybe we can work out I think perhaps what at least the intent is, because we went back and found that this provision got put in the law in 1969 and it was to deal with, instead of being a punitive sort of remedy, was designed to sort of be a defensive remedy in the event that you had people that just looked at the state board or the tax commissioner and said, nuts to you, I'm not doing anything, and... and that's where the history came about. The deputy got, as I understand it, the deputy got put in in case the deputy got paraded up there or... or was lost or the official was lost, and they said, okay, you make that decision